



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held December 14, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer, presented his attached report to the Board addressing a plan to end the present early release program in County jails and long-term plans to revive the Sheriff's Department from years of budget reductions starting with the elimination of early releases of inmates and increased sworn personnel, including a variety of funding options for the Sheriff's short-term and long-term needs, with the feasibility of discontinuing the supplanting of Proposition 172 funds by using those revenues as a means to meet the Maintenance of Effort to qualify for Proposition 172 funds. Chuck Jackson, Chief, Correctional Services, John L. Scott, Chief, Custody Operations, and Paul K. Tanaka, Chief, Administrative Services, Sheriff's Department were also present and responded to questions posed by the Board.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"The Chief Administrative Officer's report of December 9, 2004, recommends allocating \$24.4 million over the course of three years to the Sheriff, which yields 1,778 additional inmate beds to help reduce the early release of inmates.

"Excluded in the recommendation is a plan to relocate the female inmates from Twin Towers. Apart from having a greater impact on reducing the early release of inmates, a plan to relocate females from Twin Towers would allow utilization of Tower II for its intended purpose – housing inmates requiring maximum security. It would also result in increased operational efficiencies within the Inmate Reception Center (IRC) by bifurcating IRC for male and female inmates.

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“Also excluded in the report is funding for security enhancements, which is important to providing regular safety and security checks, as well as to proactively detect pruno and other illegal activities. While the Board allocated \$5 million to the Sheriff with a commitment for an additional \$2.5 million by the Sheriff in FY 04-05, housing an additional 1,778 inmates will require additional resources to avoid inmate-on-inmate assaults and assure Title 15 compliance.

“The Chief Administrative Officer’s report of December 9th recommends the potential restoration of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) teams beginning next fiscal year. The Sheriff will be launching an aggressive campaign to recruit and train sworn personnel in the upcoming months. The Board should approve the funding for COPS teams now in order to streamline and expedite the training and deployment of new COPS deputies.”

Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion that the Board take the following actions:

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to actively work with the Sheriff to develop a plan to relocate female inmates from Twin Towers to reduce early release of inmates and enhance custody operations;
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate \$760,000 annually for security enhancements and use Proposition 172 revenue growth for this fiscal year; and
3. Approve the \$4.5 million allocation to restore 107 Community Oriented Policing Services deputies for unincorporated patrols from the designation for enhanced unincorporated services effective immediately in order for the Sheriff to start the training and deployment as soon as possible.

After discussion, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a suggestion that Supervisor Antonovich’s motion be amended as follows:

1. Receive and File recommendation number one;
2. Continue to January 11, 2005, recommendation number 2, to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate \$760,000 annually for security enhancements and use Proposition 172 revenue growth for this fiscal year; and

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3. Continue to Budget Deliberations scheduled to begin June 20, 2005, recommendation number 3, requesting approval of a \$4.5 million allocation to restore 107 Community Oriented Policing Services deputies for unincorporated patrols from the designation for enhanced unincorporated services.

Don Justin Jones and Warren Williams also addressed the Board.

After further discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer's attached report dated December 9, 2004 was approved; and the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to actively work with the Sheriff to develop a plan to relocate female inmates from Twin Towers to reduce early release of inmates and enhance custody operations and report back to the Board with a focused analysis of the cost effectiveness of reopening the Sybil Brand Institute for Women before making a funding decision;
2. Continued to the January 11, 2005 Board meeting, consideration of directing the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate \$760,000 annually for security enhancements and use of Proposition 172 revenue growth for this fiscal year;
3. Continued to Budget Deliberations beginning June 20, 2005, consideration of approving a \$4.5 million allocation to restore 107 Community Oriented Policing Services deputies for unincorporated patrols from the designation for enhanced unincorporated services; and

In addition, the Sheriff was requested to provide the following information to the Board:

- A response to Special Counsel Merrick J. Bobb's November 2004 report regarding the Los Angeles County Jail, as requested by Supervisor Molina;
- A report on whether Sybil Brand Institute for Women is being used for some type of training purposes, and if so, is that training affecting the integrity of the building structure, as requested by Supervisor Yaroslavsky;

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- A report on the reasons why there exists a high transfer rate of Sheriff Deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to other law enforcement agencies, as requested by Supervisor Antonovich.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:
Each Supervisor
County Counsel

Letter sent to:
Sheriff

December 20, 2004

The Honorable Leroy D. Baca
Sheriff, Los Angeles County
4700 Ramona Boulevard, 4th Floor
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Sheriff Baca:

At its meeting held December 14, 2004, on motion of Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors took actions as detailed in the enclosed Minute Order relating to the Chief Administrative Officer's report and recommendations to restore funding to the Sheriff's Department, including the reopening of jail beds.

Very truly yours,

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Enclosure